(e) whether the officers are eligible to visit abroad with above clearance of Foreign Contribution Regulation Act and without approval of Screening Committee or Secretaries of Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consultation with various groups of J&K

1631. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government initiated process of consultation with various political groups of J&K outside Hurriyat by holding series of meetings in Delhi in February, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome to those meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have initiated the process of consultations with various groups including political groups in J &K about the ways and means to be adopted to bring about all round development of Jammu and Kashmir and to solve the existing problems faced by the people.

Talks regarding autonomy to J&K

1632. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI MOTIAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently have set up a committee to talk with political parties in Jammu and Kashmir on granting more autonomy to the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the committee and the parameters under which talks would be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Multi-purpose National Identity Cards

1633. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas in thirteen States/UTs covered under the pilot project on Multi-purpose National Identity Cards scheme initiated in April, 2003;

(b) the basis for selecting these places under the pilot project;

(c) the status of the said pilot project as on 31st January, 2005;

(d) the details of States/places contemplated to be covered by the scheme in the subsequent phase and its time-frame;

(e) the area-wise number of citizens provided with MNICs under pilot project;

(f) whether steps have been initiated for detection of illegal migrants consequent to MNICs and their deportation;

(g) if so, details thereof; and

(h) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The areas for the pilot project were selected taking into account various factors such as proximity to the border, good birth and death registration system and the possibility or integration with the already existing data base etc.

(c) The data entry work for all the 30.95 lakh records has been completed. The field integration of the photograph and finger biometrics has also been completed. The job of verification of citizenship status is under progress.

(d) The Government propose to implement the scheme is the entire country after the results of the pilot project are available.

(e) The Identity Cards have not yet been issued.